

# In your best interest

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**I**n case of fire you should immediately proceed to the Designated Safety Zone. Do not move. Ask someone passing by to go tell the Fire Department in the front lobby where you are. Ask another person to stay with you until the Fire Department has decided whether or not it is necessary to have you carried out. There is a telephone connected there that will get you to the switchboard in case you cannot find help. There is another recourse to take if the fire is near you...and still another if you are in the Steward Building.

If I hear a fire alarm I certainly won't be found *standing* like a *sitting* duck. However if you're in a wheelchair your expected to.

"I attach(ed) details of our new evacuation procedures...I hope you will agree they are in your best interests...I now have an answering machine on extension 245 which makes accessibility to me a little easier."—Ted Rickard, Health and Safety.

I personally find this a huge waste of time and money. A person in a wheelchair is not helpless. Put in a ramp! It shouldn't be the job of the student to conform to the school, even if the majority are not in a wheelchair. If you pay tuition you do not deserve to be marginalized, period. The fact is anyone currently in a wheelchair at this College is. •

